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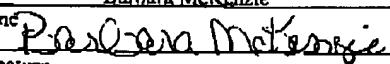
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 OF THE INTRARTICULAR APPLICATION OF A MIXTURE OF  
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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This letter is in response to my telephone conversation with Examiner Ganapathy Krishnan of Friday, January 21, 2005.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.